GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

Preparation and publication of Voters' lists for General Constituencies in connection with the ensuing District Board Elections.

READ—

Rules 7-12 of the rules issued with Notification No. L. 1311—L. B. 25-26-3, dated the 21st August 1926, for the election of Members to District Boards and the preparation and publication of the lists of voters eligible for voting at the said elections.

ORDER NO. L. 3003-3020—L. B. 30-29-26, DATED 25TH OCTOBER 1929.

During the discussions at the Representative Assembly Session in October 1929, it was brought to the notice of Government that the lists of voters for the general constituencies prepared in the several Districts in connection with the elections for the reconstitution of the District Boards in February 1927 were defective and incorrect in several cases and certain suggestions were also made for the proper preparation and publication of the voters' lists and the satisfactory conduct of elections in all the Districts.

2. The matter has been carefully considered by Government and they are pleased to direct that all further proceedings in regard to the elections now arranged for in the several Districts be stopped and immediate steps be taken for the proper preparation and publication of fresh voters' lists in accordance with the following instructions:—

(*a*) As a preliminary step for the preparation of the voters' lists, the Deputy Commissioners of Districts should hold a meeting of the Sub-Division Officers, Amildars and Deputy Amildars of the District at the District Head Quarters and explain to them the mode of preparing the lists. The Taluk Officers may similarly arrange for a meeting of the Revenue and Panchayet Inspectors in the Taluks and explain to them the Rules and the procedure to be followed. The Revenue and Panchayet Inspectors should be asked to carry out the instructions fully with the help of the Patels and Shanbogues and to verify the correctness of the lists relating to their jurisdiction.

(*b*) The lists of voters for each Taluk or general constituency should be prepared in the form prescribed in rule 7 of the rules read above and signed by the Shanbogues and Patels in token of verification and correctness. Wherever feasible, the Chairman or Members of the Village Panchayet may be got to examine the list and verify it as far as possible The Revenue Inspector may scrutinise and check about 50 per cent, the Amildars or Deputy Amildars about 20 per cent and the Sub-Division Officers about 5 per cent of the entries in the lists so prepared. The lists will thereafter be sent to the Deputy Commissioners for final approval. A copy of the list for each Village so verified and approved may be posted in the chavadi, village panchayet office or other public place in the Village and a copy for the whole Taluk in the Taluk Office to enable voters to prefer their objections and claims, if any, in proper time.

(*c*) After approval of the lists, the Deputy Commissioner will arrange to get them printed in English and Kannada at the cost of the District Boards and to make copies of the same available for sale to the public at a price to be fixed.

(*d*) Claims and objections made in respect of these lists under rule 9 of the rules read above, either for entry of the names omitted in the lists or for the removal of the names unauthorisedly included in the lists may be heard by the Deputy Commissioner or any other Officer deputed by him under the rule and supplementary lists of such corrections printed and made available for sale.

3. The Deputy Commissioners of the several Districts are requested to take necessary steps for the preparation and publication of lists as above and send up for the information of Government fresh calendars showing the several stages for the elections under the altered circumstances. As it will necessarily take some time for the conduct of elections and reconstitution of the Boards under the above arrangements, a separate notification will issue extending the term of the existing District Boards.

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